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SUBJECT: REACTION TO AMBASSADOR POPPER'S DEPARTURE

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- 1. CHILEAN RADIO, TV AND PRESS GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO AMBASSADOR POPPER'S DEPARTURE FROM CHILE MAY 22. TV AND RADIO TRANSMITTED HIS BRIEF DEPARTURE STATEMENT IN FLUPV IT ALSO APPEARED IN PRESS ACCOUNTS. DETAILS OF COVERAGE IN REFTEL.
- 2. ONLY INDEPENDENT BUT PRO-GOC "LA TERCERA" PRINTED THE AMBASSADOR'S FULL RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ASKING HIM TO EXPAND ON A REFERENCE (IN HIS PREPARED STATEMENT) TO HOPES THAT CHILEANS WOULD "CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THEIR STANDARD OF LIVING, FREEDOM AND HAPPINESS." AMBASSADOR IS QUOTED THAT "I THINK EACH NATION, EACH PEOPLE, ALWAYS STRIVE FOR GREATER LIBERTY -- WE CALL IT 'FREEDOM' IN ENGLISH -- IT IS SOUGHT BY ALL, INCLUDING, I IMAGINE, BY CHILEANS. AND THAT IS THE REASON I SAY I WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIKE TO SEE FURTHER PROGRESS. IT IS MY HOPE THAT CHILEANS MIGHT HAVE THE PROSPERITY AND FREEDOMS THAT NORTH AMERICANS ENJOY."

3. COMMENT: APPARENTLY THE CHILEAN MEDIA CHOSE NOT TO SQUABBLE ABOUT THE REFERENCE TO "FREEDOM." THE PROMINENT PLACEMENT AND POSITIVE TONE GIVEN TO THE STORY

ATTEST BOTH TO THE AMBASSADOR'S PERSONAL EFFECTIVENESS AND TO THE CONTINUING IMPORTANCE CHILEANS ATTACH TO THE UNITED STATES.
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